

SO
TAMAKO-
SAN HASN'T
RETURNED
YET?

OH,
DEAR.

"Hello, Special! Your table is empty."

*"Hello,
"Big Sis
Fuu!"*



FUU-
NEE**!

THANKS!
SORRY
TO
IMPOSE
ON YOU.

GALLI-
VANTING
ABOUT
LIKE THIS!

SHE'S
TOO OLD
TO BE



EXCUSE
ME?!

WE CAN'T
TAKE ANY
MORE OF
MOM'S
COOKING!

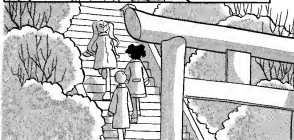
COOK US
SOMETHING!

WHEN
ARE YOU
COMING
HOME,
FUU-
NEE?



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♪

I PRAY
THAT THE
WORLD
WILL BE
FREE OF
NUCLEAR
WAR.



HMM.

HMM...



CLANG

CLANG



OH!

TO
PASS
YOUR
EXAM?

WHAT
DID
YOU
WISH
FOR?



WHAT
DID
SHE
WISH
FOR
BEFORE?

PLEASE
LET
ME
PASS!

PLEASE
LET
ME
PASS!

PLEASE
LET
ME
PASS!

WE TRIED
TO WAKE
YOU UP,
BUT WE
COULDN'T.

YOU
WERE
ASLEEP.

HUH?

WE
DID
PLAN
TO...

*Then why
didn't
we?*

THIS SHRINE
FEATURES
TRADITIONAL
SHINTO
MUSIC AND
DANCE ON
NEW YEAR'S
EVE. IT
DRAWS
QUITE A
CROWD.

OH, IT
DOES?
I WISH
WE HAD
COME
FOR
THAT.

EVEN
DURING
WINTER
BREAK, I'M
UP EARLY
AND IN BED
EARLY!

*She can't stay up
late because the
cats wake her up
too early.*

meow

meow

meow meow

meow





HEY,
SASAAA!

Happy
New
Year!

OH?

MISAKA-
KUN?

HERE
FOR
NEW
YEAR'S?

YEAH,
YOU
TOO?

Happy
New
Year!

WHAT
DO YOU
HAVE IN
THERE?

rustle
rustle



*I don't think you should put a stray inside your coat...
But it's warm!*



NO, IT'S A STRAY I FOUND HERE.

WHOA! A CAT?

IS IT YOURS?



YOU KNOW



AMA-
HANA.

IT KINDA REMINDS ME OF ONE OF OUR CATS.



CL

NG



You have to peel them for me.

Yeah, yeah.



ALL RIGHT.

I WANNA GO HOME AND SIT UNDER THE KOTATSU AND EAT MANDARIN ORANGES.

IT'S GETTING CHILLY.

.....
WELL, YES...

AM I WARM?

WH-WHAT IS IT, FUTA-CHAN?





Like this?

HUH?
WHERE
ARE WE
GOING?
BEHIND
THE
SHRINE?

WHA...?
WE'RE
BEHIND
OUR
HOUSE
NOW?

SIGH

THE SHRINE
IS BEHIND
OUR
HOUSE?!

History



Not going anywhere for New Year's, just hanging at home.



YES!
MORE!

DO
YOU
STILL
WANT
MORE?

poof
poof

THANK
YOU!

HERE.

poof
poof

THANK
YOU!

HERE.

poof
poof

You'll love
peelies.

OH,
WHAT'S
WRONG?

skitter

THEY
DON'T?

CATS
DON'T
LIKE
ORANGE
PEEL
JUICE.

poof
poof

zoom

skitter

skitter



...WAIT,
HOW DID
TAMAKO-
CHAN
MANAGE TO
FEED YOU
IN THE
MORNINGS?

GUESS
THERE'S
NO NEW
YEAR'S OR
WINTER
BREAK
FOR KIT-
TIES.

BRR!
IT'S
FREEZING
IN HERE.

ksshakkk

*She stayed
up all night
and went to
bed in the
mornings.*





ISN'T THAT WEIRD?
WHO TAUGHT YOU TO DO THAT, KITTY?

THIS ONE LIES ON MY FACE TO WAKE ME UP IN THE MORNING.



BUT WHY DO IT WHEN THE ALARM GOES OFF AT 7:30, TOO?

...I COULD SEE WAKING ME UP TO BE FED,

?





Ahaha-haha.

FUTA-CHAN,
DON'T TELL ME
YOU'VE BEEN
PUTTING THE
CAT ON MY
FACE?



IT
WAS
YOU?!



I'M SORRY.
I WON'T DO
IT ANYMORE.



*But it's
the only
way to
make you
stop.*

*Please stop!
Cat bodies are
all warm and
great!*







MAYBE
MY BODY
IS
GETTING
USED TO
THIS NEW
ROUTINE?

I'M
AMAZED
I CAN
JUST
WAKE
UP LIKE
THAT.

BUT
LATELY,
I'VE BEEN
WAKING UP
BEFORE
YOU EVEN
CALL OUT
TO ME,
RIGHT?

*Despite
the chat.*

*I don't
remember
shutting off the
alarm, though.*

I'M
REALLY
SLEEPY
FIRST
THING
IN THE
MORNING
.....



OH,
NOTHING.

HUH?
WHAT
IS IT?



.....OH,
MORNING,
FLTA-
CHAN.....

**They Squatted
Where We Had a
House**

WAIT,
ARE YOU GOING
SOMEWHERE?
IT'S STILL
MORNING,
RIGHT?



I've tried calling
your name to
wake you up, but
it just doesn't
work.

IT WAS A
GOOD-
MORNING
KISS...

EEEK!

That
was
my
first
kiss!

What's
wrong?
Where's our
breakfast?

You're
impossible
to wake up!

Um...

WELL,
WE'RE
BOTH
GIRLS,
ANYWAY.

S-Sat...

It
doesn't
count!

NO,
TODAY
WAS THE
FIFTH
ONE.

Eek!

WINTER
BREAK IS
ENDING
NOW,
THOUGH.

WAIT,
COULDN'T I
HAVE JUST
SLEPT IN
AFTER I FED
THE CATS?

ANYWAY

I didn't have to
get up for
school.

6 Huh...
maybe it's
okay? I
guess? We
are both
girls...

To Be Continued

Are you sure it's
okay?

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IF YOU SMOOSH
HER NAME TO-
GETHER, THAT'S
"SASAKURA"
LOOKS LIKE A
SOUND EFFECT
FROM AN AME-
CAN COMIC.
DOESN'T IT? 8





It's like a
Futaba
SHE SEEMS LIKE
THE SORT OF
PERSON WHO
BUILDS UP A LOT
OF STRESS! SHE
BLOWS OFF STEAM
SOMETIMES,
THOUGH.

THAT SAME
PLOT IDEA
WOULD
COME TO
MIND.....

HOW
ABOUT
THREE
GIRLS
LIVING
TOGETH-
ER?

EVERY TIME
I WENT TO
START A
NEW SERIES,

SO,
GETTING
BACK TO
SAKURA'S
BOUNDAR-
IES...

WELL,
YOU
SEE
.....

*It was
never
the right
time?*

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
EVER
DRAW IT
BEFORE?

*I've been
considering
it for a
couple of
decades
now.*

HUH?

*You waited
two whole
decades...*

...SO WHAT
CHANGED?
WHY ARE YOU
DRAWING IT
NOW?

De sakura
shikho
CAN YOU
BELIEVE SHE'S
THE ELDEST
OF THE
TRIO?

(gasp...?)

*...The
time had
come?*

I DENIED
THAT
REQUEST.



WELL.....

YOSHINO TAMAKO
YOU'VE SEEN WHAT SHE'S LIKE,
AND HOW SHE LIVES....
SO WHY DO I ENVY HER?



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